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TURKEYS COME IN ABUNDANCE

Market is Well Stocked With Choice Birds.

Eggs are Weaker---The Probability Is That Prices Will Decline.

Turkeys are arriving in abundance and there is a slight change in quotations. There is still a very large demand for good dressed stocks with a fair call also for the live birds. Quotations today were 17 and 18 cents for the live, and 19 and 21 cents for the dressed stock.

The price of geese are higher today than it has been for many years. There is a spirited demand for good, fat ones, and prices are booming. Receipts are very heavy, but the birds are cleaned up as soon as they arrive on the "street." No demand for chickens at any price.

EGGS ARE WEAKER.

Today eggs are weaker in the local wholesale markets and there is little doubt that quotations will decline further after the holidays. The fresh eggs are selling today at 30 and 32 1-2 cents a dozen. Eastern and cold-storage eggs are likewise weaker.

GRAIN MARKET QUIET.

Very little business is being done in the grain market. This is probably due to the holiday season. Flour prices are stiff at published quotations. All grades of feed are lively with a tendency to advance.

LAMBS ARE GOING UP.

The price of lambs show a rise of 1-2 cent a pound in the reports today. Heavy demand is the cause. Today's quotations are: Mutton, gross, 3 1-4 and 3 3-4 cents; dressed, 5 3-4 and 6 3-4 cents; lambs, 6 and 6 1-2 cents. Pork receipts are liberal with a strong market. No changes in quotations.

Potatoes are still weak, while onions are showing additional strength. Hops are unchanged in price. No sales have been reported during the week.

Today's quotations, as revised, are as follows:

PORTLAND WHOLESALE PRICES.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 72c; bluestem, 79c; Valley, 75½c.

Barley—Feed, $22.00; rolled, $23.00@24.00.

Oats—No. 1 white, $1.15@1.17½; gray, $1.12½@1.15.

Flour—Eastern Oregon: Patents, $3.70@4.20. Diamond W., $3.35; straights, $3.20@3.30; graham, $3.00; Valley, $3.35@3.45.

Millstuffs—Bran, $19.00 per ton; middlings, $24.00; shorts, $20.00; chop, 18.00@19.00.

Hay—New timothy, $11.00@12.00; clover, $7.50@8.00.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

Hops—21@25c for choice; 1903 contracts, 14@16c.

Wool—Nominal; Valley, 15@15½c; Eastern Oregon, 10@14c.

Sheepskins — Shearings, 14½@19½c; short wool, 25@35c, medium wool, 30@60c; long wool, 60c@$1.44 each.

Tallow—Prime, per lb., 3½@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 15@16½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 15½c; dry salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, steer, sound, 60 pounds or over, 7½@8½c; 50 to 60 pounds, 7½@8c; under 50 pounds, and cows, 7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5@5½c; kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 7c; veal, round, 10 to 14 pounds, 7c; calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 8c, green (unsalted), 1c per pound less, culls 1c per pound less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.25@1.75, dry, each, $1.00@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c. Angora, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.00.

Mohair—27c.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

Butter—Creamery, 27½@30c; dairy, 20@22½c; store, 17c.

Eggs—Oregon, 30@32½c; Eastern, fresh, —; cold storage, 22½@23c.

Cheese—Full cream, twin, 15@16c; Young America, 16½@17c; Eastern, 16c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $4.00@4.50 per doz; hens, $4.00@5 per doz; broilers, $2.00@2.50; springs, $2.50@3.00; ducks, $4.50@5.50 per doz; turkeys, live, 17@18c; dressed, 19@21c per lb; geese, $7@8 per doz.

Meats and Provisions.

Fresh Meats—Beef, prime, 6½@7c; bulls, 3@4½c; cows, 4½@6c; pork, 7@7¼; veal, 8@8½; mutton, 3¼@3¾c, gross; dressed, 5¾@6¾c; lambs, 6@6½c per lb.

Hams, Bacon, etc.—Portland pack (local) hams, 13½; picnic, 10½c; breakfast bacon, 16@18½c; light sides, 13½c; backs, 13c; dry salted sides, 12½c; dried beef sets, —; insides and knuckles, — per lb.

Eastern packed hams, under 18 lbs., 14¼c; over 18 lbs., 13¾c; fancy, 15c; picnic, 11½c; shoulders, 11½c; dry salted sides, unsmoked, 12½c; breakfast bacon, 18c; butts, 12@13c.

Local lard—Kettle leaf, 5s, 14c; 10s, 13⅞c; steam rendered, 5s, 13¼c; 10s, 13½c.

Eastern Lard—Kettle leaf, 10-lb. tins, 14¼c; 5s, 14⅝c; 50-lb tins, 13¾c; steam rendered, 10s, 13½c; 5s, 13⅝c; 50s, 13c.

Above packing house prices are net cash, 15 days.

Fish—Rock cod, 8c; flounders, 7c; halibut, 9c; ling cod, 5c; crabs, per doz., $1.50; razor clams, 10c doz; red snappers, 8@9c; black cod, 8@9c; stripped bass, 10@12½c; salmon, 6@7c; soles, 8c; smelt, 6c; lobsters, 12½c; shrimp, Puget Sound, 15c lb.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Sugar, "sack basis," cube, $5.55; powdered, $5.40; dry granulated, $5.30; extra C., $4.80; golden C., $4.70; barrels, 10c; ½ barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis, less 25c per cwt. for cash. maple, 12½@15c per pound.

Honey—15c per frame.

Coffee—Green Mocha, 21@28c; Java, fancy, 26@32; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 19@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, $10.63; Arbuckles' $11.25 list; Lion, $10.75 list; Cordova, $11.25.

Teas—Oolong, different grades, 25@65c; Gunpowder, 28, 32 to 35c; English Breakfast, different grades, 12½@60c; Spider Legs, uncolored Japan, 30@60c, green Japan, very scarce, 30@60c.

Salt—Bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s $2.60; fine table, dairy and imported Liverpool, 50s, 52c; 100s, $1.02; 20's, $1.95 per bag.

Salt—Worcester salt, bulk, bbls, 320s, $5.00; Worcester 140 2s, $5.50; Worcester, 100 3s, $5.50; Worcester, 60 5s, $5.25; Worcester, 30 10s, $5.00; Worcester, linen sacks, 50s, 86c.

Salt—Coarse, half ground, 100s, per ton, $15.50; 50s per ton, $16.00; Liverpool lump, rock, $24.00 per ton; 50-lb rock, ——; 100s, ——.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $6.50 per 100.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6@7c per lb. for raw, 8½@8c for roasted; cocoanuts, $6@90c per doz; walnuts, new to arrive, 14½@15c per lb; pine nuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 16c; chestnuts, Eastern, 15@15c; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15@16c; fancy pecans, 14@15c; almonds, 14@15c.

Coal oil—Cases, 23c per gallon; tanks, Water White, 16½ net; tanks, Headlight, 18½c net.

Rice—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 5¼c; No. 2, 5c; New Orleans, head, 7@7½c.

Salmon—Columbia River, 1-lb talls, $1.70; 2-lb talls, $2.40; fancy, 1-lb flats, $1.85; ½-lb fancy flats, $1.20; Alaska talls, pink, 85c; red, $1.25; 2-lb talls, $2.

Beans—Small white, $4.00; large white, $3.90; pink, $3.50; bayou, $3.75; Limas, 5½c.

Tobacco—Plug cut, smoking, 1 2-3 oz packages: Seal of North Carolina, 71c lb; Mastiff, 68c; Dixie Queen, 40c; Red Bell, 39c; Pedro, 50c; Golden Scepter, $1.15; fine cut, Cameo, 41c; Capstan, $1.85; Duke's Mixture, 40c; Bull Durham, 66c; Old English Curve Cut, 40c; Maryland Club, 71c; Mail Pouch, 38c; Yale Mixture, $1.40; Plug tobacco, Drummond's Natural Leaf, 58c; Piper Heidsieck, 66c; Something Good, 45c; Standard Navy, 38c; T. & B., 53c; Spear Head, 43c; Star, 44c; Fine cut chewing: Golden Thread, 68c; Fast Mail, 70c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Potatoes—50@60c; sweets, $1.75@2.00 cwt.

Onions—Oregon, 90c@$1; garlic, 6c lb.

Fresh fruits—Crab apples, 3c lb.; fancy Oregon, 75c@$1.50; cooking, 50c@$1.50 box. Oranges, navals, $2.85@3.75 box; California tangerines, $1.00@1.25; bananas, $2.00@2.75 bunch. Fall pears, 85c@$1.25 box; pomegranates, $1.50@2 box; cranberries, Tillamook or Coos Bay, $8; Jersey, $11 barrel; huckleberries, 10c lb.

Vegetables—Tomatoes, $1.00@1.25 box; turnips, $1.10 sack; carrots, $1@1.10 sack; beets, $1.25 box; radishes, 12½@15c doz; cabbages, California, $1.25@1.50 pound, lettuce, head, per doz., 12½@15c; green peppers, 50c box; squash, $1.50 cwt.; pumpkins, $1.50 cwt.; horseradish, 8c lb; celery, 65@85c doz; hothouse lettuce, $1.75@2 per box; sprouts, 8c lb; green peas, 9@10c lb.

Dried fruits—Apples, evaporated, 7@7½c; apricots, 7@7½c; peaches, 7½@9c; pears, 8½c; prunes, Italian, 4½@5½c, French, 3½@4½c; figs, California blacks, 6@6½c; do. white, 7½@8c; plums, pitted, 5@6c; raisins, seeded, fancy, 1-lb cartons, 50 packages to case, 8½c pkg; seeded, choice, 12-oz cartons, 7½c; loose Muscatelles, 50-lb boxes, 6½@7½c lb; London layers, $1.75@3.00.

HARBOR BOAT MAKES LONG RUN

Astoria Launches Have Formed Combine and Run Up Rates.

The Harbor Boat is branching out in business. Sunday she made a trip to Sara, Lake River, 45 miles from Portland, carrying a shipment of supplies for a logging camp at that place. Arrangements have about been completed for the boat to make a trip to that point every Sunday on a similar mission. The little launch has been doing a thriving business in the harbor during the past two months, but this is the first time that she has made a lengthy run down the river. She left here at 9 o'clock in the morning and returned before 6 in the afternoon.

Word comes from Astoria that the harbor boats at that place have formed a combine and advanced rates to a point out of all reason. There are four of them down that way engaged in this line of work, and they have had a very busy season. Fifteen ships are now lying at Sand Island, a short distance below Astoria, and it is said that the boats charge $10 ror carrying passengers between them and the town. Captains of the various vessels had been in the habit of making daily visits to town on the boats, but it is said that this rate is almost a prohibitory one and the officers now have to content themselves by remaining aboard the ships.

STORM AT SEA.

The shooner Susie M. Pummer put into San Francisco Bay yesterday after experiencing a very rough voyage from Grays Harbor. The vessel was en route to Iquique, Chile, with a cargo of lumber, and soon after sailing a storm was encountered. Three men were washed overboard and one of them was drowned. For several days all on board except the captain and two sailors were incapacitated for service. A new crew was secured at San Francisco, and the vessel will soon leave for the Chilean coast.

MARINE NOTES.

The British ship Foyledale, Captain Kerry, has reached port with a cargo from Liverpool, consigned to Balfour, Guthrie & Co. It consists of 68,826 sacks of salt, 121steel rails, 1,977 bundles of tinplates, 200 barrels of whiting and a lot of miscellaneous articles.

The French bark Lamoriciere has arrived in port from Tacoma with 28,005 bushels of wheat. The cargo will be completed here, and the vessel will sail for East London, South Africa.

The German ship Emelie began discharging cargo this morning at Columbia Dock No. 1.

The steamship Oregon, in the Nome trade and now lying at Seattle, is to be put on the drydock soon and undergo a general overhauling. The cost of the repairs will aggregate $75,000.

A small blaze broke out on the steamship Klek yesterday afternoon, which is taking on a grain cargo at the Greenwich dock. The fire originated among the wheat sacks, but was extinguished before much damage had been done.

Among the cargo which the Austrian steamship Klek, now loading for South Africa, will take out will be 7,500 barrels of flour sent here from Tacoma for shipment.

REYNOLDS-HITT WEDDING

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The wedding of Miss Edith Gray and Mr. Reynolds Hitt, which took place today in St. Bartholomew's Church, was a large and fashionable affair. The bride is the daughter of Justice John Clinton Gray and the bridegroom is the son of Representative Hitt of Illinois, and at present is second secretary of the United States Embassy at Berlin. The wedding guests included many of the Illinois and Washington friends of the Hitt family, and the Albany, Newport and town acquaintances of the Grays. After the ceremony at the church the guests repaired to the Metropolitan Club, where an elaborate reception was held. Mr. Hitt and his bride will go to Berlin after a brief preliminary bridal trip.

FOOTBALL PLAYER TO WED.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 23.—A number of guests from out of town are here to attend the wedding of Miss Caroline Barton, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Thomas Barton, and Dr. Arthur Buckner Harris, which is to be celebrated this evening in Christ Episcopal Church. The bridegroom-elect is a noted football player being one of the best tackles that ever played on a University of Virginia eleven. His home is in San Antonio, Tex., though he is at present located at Cannelton, W. Va.

SENTIMENT IS BULLISH AGAIN

Easy Money Helps the Stock Operators.

Manitoba Wheat Crop Will Reach Sixty-Five Million Bushels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Chronicle says: Commission buying, the increase of public interest buying for investment and by the substantial interests, are among the encouraging signs which make for a bullish sentiment. Easy money is also a reassuring influence. The fact that banks gained today nearly $1,000,000 from the treasury is taken to mean more customs payments have fallen off for the season. After January 1, heavy government disbursements for appropriations are counted on to release a lot of money that will help to swell the bank reserves. So there is no longer any apprehension of serious monetary developments, about the worst that is expected being the usual temporary flurry incident to the January settlements. The change in the attitude of the Standard Oil Company contingent from the bear to the bull side seems to be the subject of interest and is indicated pretty clearly by the strength of its favorite stock. Although it may not be generally known, the Rockefellers own almost enough Sugar to constitute majority holdings. Their ownership in St. Paul is probably larger than any other. They dominate Amalgamated Copper. These three stocks have shown marked strength and despite the fact that they have risen rather rapidly, there is talk of a much further advance in them before the upward movement culminates. Insiders in both St. Paul and Sugar predict heavy earnings in the new year and also hint at special developments which will be discounted by higher prices.

Heavy Manitoba Crop.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The Record-Herald says: "We had last year in Manitoba a wheat crop of about 65,000,000 bushels," said President G. R. Crowe, of the Northern Elevators Company, of Winnipeg. "We have shipped out of Manitoba so far about 20,000,000 bushels and we have left to ship about 25,000,000 bushels more. It is possible that of the 20,000,000 bushels balance which will then be left, there will be some further wheat go out in the shape of flour. Our shipments this year have been larger than last year. The quality of our grain has been fully up to the early expectations. Because our wheat, when it reaches the seabord in the United States, is available only for export, our Manitoba No. 1 northern wheat is offering about 2½ cents cheaper than the Duluth No. 1 northern, which of course is available not only for export, but for local consumption. The wheat bulls are beginning to think it must be a matter of too much competition. Their market shows a puzzling indifference to all influences for higher prices. Yesterday's Argentine harvest news was the most serious so far received from several sources, combining the statement that rains had been heavy for three days and that they were interfering with farm work. The Argentine harvest has now been under way for about a fortnight, and during all that time the cables have not said anything but "unsettled," or "unsatisfactory" or "rainy." The news which is generally considered the most important to the wheat price just at present is taken indifferently. The expectation was "too much bull company."

New York Summary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Stocks in London are heavy, ⅛ to ½ below parity. N. Y. C. and other Vanderbilt dividends are expected today. Missouri Pacific dividend today; regular rate expected. It is reported the Atchison pool bought back stock thrown over in recent break. B. R. T. November earnings increased $119,534. Mild weather is helping the anthracite movement. Better inquiry for American bonds abroad. London is bullish on copper stocks. Canadian Pacific pool still intact. Reported some readjustment of tobacco fours is contemplated. Atchison officials report more business offering than the road has cars for. Banks have gained from sub treasury since Friday, $937,000, but lost to New Orleans $550,000. Fifty roads for the second week in December show a gross increase of 6.30 per cent.

Weather All Over.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Illinois and Montana part cloudy tonight and Wednesday, with possibly light snow flurries; Indiana, Missouri, Dakotas, Kansas, Nebraska, part cloudy tonight and Wednesday; Michigan, Wisconsin and Minneapolis threatening, with snow flurries tonight and Wednesday; Iowa threatening tonight and Wednesday.

Cattle and Hogs.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Union Stock Yards:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	27,000	5,000	13,000
Kansas City	9,000	7,000	2,000
Omaha	6,000	500	600

Hogs—Opened strong; 3,582 left over yesterday; holiday year ago. Mixed and butchers, $6.00@6.55; good heavy, $6.40@6.60; rough heavy, $6.10@6.35; light, $5.80@6.30.

Cattle steady to strong.

Sheep—Strong.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—Close.—Wheat—December, 6-2¼, ⅝ up; March, 6-2, ¼ up; May, 6-1, unchanged.

Corn—January, 4-6⅛, unchanged; March, 4-2¾, unchanged.

STEEL TRUST SHAKY

Scotch Magnate Says He Would Not Invest a Sixpence in It.

GLASGOW, Dec. 23.—Dr. Jack, the steel merchant, addressing the Scotch Iron and Steel Institute today, said he would not invest sixpence in the American Steel Trust.

There are signs of suspicion arising, he said, and if real suspicion once obtained a hold for one week regarding the American combine's standing it would prove disastrous.

OVER THE WILLAMETTE

NEW TENDER

Work on Government Boat Being Rushed.

Joseph Supple is rushing the work of construction on the new government tender at his shipyard, foot of Belmont street. The main cause of the delay in completing the vessel has been the non-arrival of the boilers from the East. The boilers were shipped on December 10 and are expected to arrive at any time.

The new vessel will be 85 feet long, with a keel of 78 feet. Her width is 16.10 feet and a draught of about 6 1-2 feet. She will have a capacity for about 7 tons of coal and freight.

The engines which have been installed are high pressure, 4 1-2 compound cylinder, 10 and 22 with a 10-inch stroke. The boilers are of the water-tube type, with a capacity for 250 pounds of steam. The vessel has a combined condenser, air and circulating pump of the very latest pattern. The propeller measures 60 inches and will be sufficient to run the boat at a fair rate of speed. The vessel will be fitted up in elegant style for sea-going voyages. According to Mr. Supple, the contractor, the new boat will be ready for her trial trip in about six weeks. The cost of the completed vessel will amount to $23,000.

WILL CELEBRATE

East Side Improvement Association Arranging Program.

The new two-story brick factory being erected for the Neustadter Bros., corner of Grand avenue and East Taylor street, is about completed. The company recently installed several hundred sewing machines and other machinery.

Whitney L. Boise, a prominent East Sider, and a member of the East Side Improvement Association, has the matter of arranging a celebration within the next few days, as the company intends to open the factory on New Year's.

The new factory is 190 feet long and 50 feet wide. It faces on both East Taylor street and on Grand avenue. The structure will be well-lighted, an extra large number of windows being placed for the purpose. Its cost will amount to about $20,000. About 300 people will be employed regularly.

PUPILS ENTERTAIN

Piano Fund is Swelled by an Excellent Program.

A large number of patrons of the Sunnyside School were present last evening at an entertainment given by the pupils of the institution in the school's large assembly hall. The hall was beautifully decorated. The program was as follows:

Piano solo; farce, "Vice Versa;" William Penn's Treaty with the Indians; "The Tale of a Bumble Bee;" physical exercises; "The Waters;" violin solo, Arthur White; milkmaids' drill; Mary's diminutive drill; solo, Miss Green; "Auld Lang Syne;" dumb-bell exercises; "Babes in the Woods." The proceeds will be used in the fund for the purchase of a new piano.

TO CLOSE DRAWS

Joseph Buchtel Suggests That a Mass Meeting Be Held.

Complaints are frequently made by residents of the East Side on acount of the long-forced waits by those who have to cross the numerous bridges spanning the Willamette.

The main complaint is made on account of the opening of the draws even before the steamer is in sight. Joseph Buchtel, a member of the committee appointed by the East Side Improvement Association says that something will have to be done in a hurry if the people expect to get rid of the abuse. Mr. Buchtel suggests a mass meeting of the citizens and the signing of a petition to the secretary of war.

Injured Lad Recovering.

Manley, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren, residing at 50 East Second street, is slowly recovering from being dragged for about [illegible] feet by a Brooklyn electric car three weeks ago. The lad was running home from school and near the corner of Union avenue and East Morrison street tried to cross the street car track in the rear of a Mt. Tabor car, and was knocked under the wheels of another car. A ragged gash was cut in the boy's groin and it looked as if recovery was impossible. He has been removed to his home.

Broke Horse's Neck.

An expressman who had taken several more drinks than he could carry, while on his way home last evening, drove his horse into a sewer ditch near the corner of East Tenth and East Morrison street, instantly breaking the animal's neck. The driver was so intoxicated that instead of trying to get home, he climbed off the seat and fell fast asleep in the bed of the wagon. Here he was found by a passing police officer who escorted him to the city bastile.

Fidelity's Christmas Tree.

Fidelity Lodge No. 14, Degree of Honor, will hold a social Thursday evening at Woodmen's Hall, corner East Sixth and East Alder streets. The ladies are preparing an extensive program of literary and musical exercises. A Christmas tree with presents for all will be one of the principal features.

BAKER CITY NOTES.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 22.—It is stated on good authority that H. S. Bowers, for 14 years station agent at the Baker City depot for the O. R. & N., has resigned his position and will engage in private business, probably that of a mining broker at Sumpter.

Hon. J. N. Williamson, Congressman-elect from this district, was in the city Saturday. His visit here was for the purpose of ascertaining how the people of Baker and Grant Counties stand on the question of the proposed Blue Mountain forest reserve.

THEY WILL KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT

Easterners "Are Up" on the West.

Robert L. Duvall Will Bring Excursion to the Willamette Valley Next Month.

"The American nation is not so lopsided as it was! The East knows nearly as much about the West as the West does about the East! The result will be that those who take advantage of the settlers' rates during the coming Spring and migrate toward the Northwest Pacific States will do so with a full knowledge of conditions. There will be no disappointed and empty-pocketed growlers crying that they have had things misrepresented and want to be sent back from whence they came. The people who come West next season will come to stay!"

That is the view on immigration and Eastern and Western conditions expressed this morning by Robert L. Duvall, special immigration agent for the Chicago & Northwestern, just prior to his boarding a train for the Middle West, where he goes to organize a special colonization excursion to the Willamette Valley. He recently brought more than 50 homeseekers to this city and will start this way again on December 30.

CAME, SAW, WILL COME BACK.

"Many of the Easterners came out to this country last Fall," said Mr. Duvall, "looked over the country and returned again to their homes. The most of those people will sell their property, arrange their business affairs accordingly and come to the West to remain, this Spring. These men have been over the ground and thoroughly understand conditions as they are.

"The movement toward the West this coming Spring will be so great that there is no way of accurately estimating it."

Two years ago many of those who availed themselves of the homeseekers' rate spent all their ready money in getting to the Northwest and upon their arrival here found their hopes blasted and their dream, that the best land in the world could be had for the taking, only a nightmare. These people bitterly complained that misstatements had been made and that railroad companies had lured them toward the West, holding out promises that were far from the reality. Speaking of this, Mr. Duvall said:

NO MORE MISTAKES.

"Since that time the immigration agents have given special attention to land prices and the amount that is open for settlement. Those who have gone into the more populous sections of the country and worked to induce a Westward movement have been fully supplied with every item of information that could be raked and scraped for them by the roads they represent. It is essential that this information be correct and it has been kept as near up to date as constant use of the telegraph and the employment of a thorough and always working system of news-gathering could do it.

"The result has been to keep the East and Middle West almost as well informed of Western conditions as are the Western people themselves. This certainly was not true formerly. The railroads have educated the general public along that line and the people as well as the railroads are to reap the benefits."

RAILROAD NOTES.

F. A. Johnson, in charge of the Canadian Pacific office in this city, is sending to general headquarters for the "Soo Line" several handsome pictures of Mount Hood and other Oregon scenery. These are to be published in a new booklet issued by the company.

Information has reached the Burlington offices in this city of the promotion of Charles S. Young, to be assistant advertising agent for the entire system. Mr. Young was in Portland about a year ago, and at that time was general advertising manager for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, one of the roads of the system. Hereafter all of the advertising business for the Burlington lines will be consolidated and handled from one office and under a single head.

Charles H. Giehm, Portland agent for the Colorado Midland, is in San Francisco on business.

Pullman sleeping cars will hereafter be attached to the Spokane-Pendleton daily passenger trains. The service is altogether in daylight, but the Pullman cars are for use as day coaches by those who do not care to enter the crush of the ordinary chair cars.

J. J. Walter, head of the bureau of colonization and immigration for the Great Central Railroad, is in Colfax, Wash., on business.

THE COUNTRY FULL OF PRUNES

Mr. Harrison Has Returned From Trip to California.

J. Allen Harrison, agent of the Lewis River Transportation Company, returned last evening from San Francisco and other California points, where he spent two weeks. Among other places visited was Canta Clara County, and he says that it is one of the most productive fruit regions he ever saw.

"That is one of the greatest prune countries," he said, "in the world. The country is full of prunes. From San Jose alone between 8,000 and 9,000 cars of prunes were shipped this season. Santa Clara County is in reality a big prune orchard, with wagon roads running through it here and there. I thought I had seen fruit before, but I changed my mind shortly after arriving there. California is all right, but when fully developed Oregon will be equally as good."

NEW LINE TO PENINSULA.

The City & Suburban Railway Company have inaugurated a new electric line to the Peninsula. Cars will run every 30 minutes. The line will continue for a few days for the purpose of breaking in new men and to be sure that, as Manager Swigert says, "everything is all right."

Mr. Swigert further reports that the new Portsmouth line has proven entirely satisfactory to both the company and the patrons of the road.

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LONGSHOREMEN HAVE COMPLAINT

Are Not Given the Proper Attention at Hospital.

The longshoremen employed by the O. R. & N. Co. at the Ainsworth docks, say that their hospital and medical service does not meet with their approval, and a committee has been appointed to interview President Mohler to ascertain if the matter cannot be remedied. They pay monthly hospital dues and upon being disabled by sickness or accident are taken care of at the St. Vincent.

Very frequently, they claim, the O. R. & N. physician, who is supposed to look after their ailments, fails to put in an appearance, and they are permitted to go for days at a time without the proper attention. The physician has outside practice in addition to his duties at the hospital, they assert, and that it is impossible for him to look after his patients among the longshoremen as he should. The committee will probably ask that the company's physician be given an assistant to help him out in emergency cases.

TO FEED 25,000 PEOPLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—For two weeks past the familiar gypsy kettles have stood suspended from tripods on the street corners of the metropolis to receive donations for the Christmas dinners which the Salvation Army gives to the poor each year, and the pots have been "kept boiling" with such effect that the organization expects to be able to fill 25,000 stomachs with turkey and accompaniments day after tomorrow. The mammoth feed will be spread in the Grand Central Palace, the army having been unable to secure Madison Square Garden which has been used in former years. The menu will include beef, bread, turkey, potatoes, turnips, apples, oranges and plum pudding. Besides the thousands who will be fed in the Grand Central Palace, other thousands will be fed at the home of the Salvation Army lads and lasses, who will spend the day in distributing well-laden baskets.

CHEAP TO THE EAST.

Low Rate Announced by the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co.

The fact that the O. R. & N. has made the low rate of $60, Portland to Kansas City and return, is certain to cause many to take advantage of it. Tickets on sale January 8 and 9, good for 30 days, with stop over privileges on returnpassage. Call up O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington, and learn particulars.

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